

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A network device that connects with an information processing device via a network, the information processing device 5 storing setting information which is used for a preset control of the network device, said network device comprising:

a setting information memory module that is configured to store the setting information;

10 a receiver module that receives the setting information, which is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device, via the network from the information processing device; and

15 an update module that updates the storage in the setting information memory module, based on the received setting information.

2. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein said update module selects the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said 20 network device among the received setting information, when the received setting information includes setting information mapped to identification information allocated to another network device.

3. A network device in accordance with claim 1, said 25 network device further comprising:

a transmitter module that sends a transmission request of the setting information to said information processing device via the network.

30 4. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein

the transmission request includes the predetermined identification information.

5. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein
5 said transmitter module sends the transmission request in
response to a requirement from said information processing device.

6. A network device in accordance with claim 3, said
network device further comprising:

10 a search module that searches for a location of said
information processing device on the network.

7. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein
said information processing device is present at a certain location
15 on the network, which is known to said network device.

8. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein
said transmitter module sends the transmission request on a
start-up of said network device.

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9. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein
the setting information includes transmission timing information
regarding a timing of the transmission, and
said transmission module sends the transmission request
25 based on the transmission timing information.

10. A network device in accordance with claim 3, wherein
said transmitter module sends the transmission request, when said
receiver module receives a notice showing that the setting
30 information stored in said information processing device has been

updated.

11. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the identification information is set in advance on shipment of said
5 network device.

12. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein
the identification information is set after shipment of said network
device.

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13. A network device in accordance with claim 12, wherein
the identification information is set based on a location of said
network device.

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14. A network device in accordance with claim 1, wherein
said network device is a printing device.

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15. A setting method of carrying out specified setting to
control a network device connecting with a network in use, said
setting method comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a setting information memory module that
stores setting information used for a preset control of said network
device;

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(b) receiving setting information, which is mapped to
predetermined identification information allocated to said network
device for identification thereof, via the network from an
information processing device that is connected with the network
and stores the setting information mapped to the predetermined
identification information for identifying said network device; and

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(c) updating the storage in the setting information memory

module, based on the received setting information.

16. A recording medium in which a computer program used for carrying out specified setting to control a network device 5 connecting with a network is recorded, said computer program causing a computer to attain the functions of:

receiving setting information, which is used for a preset control of said network device and is mapped to predetermined identification information allocated to said network device for 10 identification thereof, via the network from an information processing device that is connected with the network and stores the setting information mapped to the predetermined identification information for identifying said network device; and

15 updating a storage content in a setting information memory module, which is incorporated in said network device to store the setting information therein, based on the received setting information.